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Attached are copies of five Japanese-language publications discussed on pages 1-2 of the specification. The publications are listed on an enclosed PTO Form 1449.

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